

(B) any level of Medicaid fraud.

(c) **ELIGIBILITY.**—To be eligible to receive a contract under subsection (b)(1), a health care professional shall—

(1) be a licensed and practicing medical professional who holds an advanced medical degree from an accredited American university or college and has experience within the health care industry; and

(2) submit to the Secretary such information, at such time, and in such manner, as the Secretary may require.

(d) **ACTIVITIES.**—Each health care professional awarded a contract under subsection (b)(1) shall assist the Secretary and the Inspector General in conducting random audits of the practices of health care providers that receive reimbursements through any Federal public health care program. Such audits may include—

(1) statistically random visits to the practices of such health care providers;

(2) attempts to purchase pharmaceutical products illegally from such health care providers;

(3) purchasing durable medical equipment from such health care providers;

(4) hospital visits; and

(5) other activities, as the Secretary determines appropriate.

(e) **FOLLOW-UP BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.**—The Inspector General shall follow up on any notable findings of the investigations conducted under subsection (d) in order to report fraudulent practices and refer individual cases to the appropriate State and local authorities.

(f) **LIMITATION.**—The Secretary shall not contract with a health care professional if, due to physical proximity or a personal, familial, proprietary, or monetary relationship with such health care professional to individuals that such professional would be inves-

tigating, a conflict of interest could be inferred.

(g) **FUNDING.**—To carry out this section, the Secretary and the Inspector General are each authorized to reserve, from amounts appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services, respectively, \$500,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 1 P.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 1 p.m. tomorrow.

There upon the Senate, at 5:34 p.m., adjourned until Sunday, December 20, 2009, at 1 p.m.